## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 183 By Miller J

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend 100 Black Men of Bradley County, Inc. for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of 100 Black Men of Bradley County, Inc. are such estimable individuals who work assiduously to improve the quality of life of the Bradley County community and to enhance educational economic opportunities for all African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1963, 100 Black Men of America, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering youth to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, to this end, 100 Black Men of America, Inc. and its Bradley County Chapter develop and implement programs that emphasize mentoring, education, economic development and health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the 100 Black Men of Bradley County, Inc. seeks to serve as a beacon of leadership by utilizing the diverse talents of its membership to create an environment in which

children are motivated to achieve and to empower African-Americans to become self-sufficient shareholders in the economic and social fabric of their communities; and

WHEREAS, through the mentoring program, the members of 100 Black Men of Bradley County, Inc. ensure that each participant graduates from high school and pursues secondary education, has a positive role model and has the opportunity to develop skills and experiences necessary to be successful in life; and

WHEREAS, drawing support from a broad base of donors, the College Tuition

Assistance Program and the Accrued Scholarship Program enable participants to receive grants and to earn funds through activities that benefit the community and teach thrift, industry and principles of good citizenship, making the dream of higher education a reality for dozens of students every year; and

WHEREAS, the members of 100 Black Men of Bradley County, Inc. epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud these worthy individuals for dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of 100 Black Men of Bradley County, Inc. for their meritorious service to the people of Tennessee and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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